

**INDIANA COMMISSION ON AGING (COA)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 19, 2009**

**INDIANA GOVERNMENT CENTER SOUTH, CONFERENCE ROOM A
402 W. WASHINGTON ST., INDIANAPOLIS, IN**

COA Members in Attendance: Chairperson Noble Stallons, Roxsandra Clemons-McFarthing, Anita McCollester, John (Bob) Johnson

COA Members Absent: Geneva Sams, Glen Bonsett, Humbert Lopes, Richard (Dick) Grace, Ed Gottschling

Staff in Attendance: Willie Poindexter, Celeste Stinson

Visitors: Sheri Phillips

Call to Order: Chairperson Noble Stallons called the meeting to order and had the members and audience introduce themselves. There were not enough COA members present for a quorum so the February meeting minutes were postponed for approval until the next COA meeting.

Division of Aging Update: Celeste reported that Commissioner Geneva Sams has information on the loan modification program aspect of the recent stimulus package. Geneva has asked the Commissioners to contact her with any questions.

Celeste said she would put together information on legislative issues for the next meeting. She also stated that Indiana is receiving over a million dollars of stimulus money for congregate and home delivered meals. That money will be distributed to the AAAs for use.

Creating Livable Communities: Sheri Phillips, Director of Healthy Aging Programs at Generations, presented on "Creating A Livable Community for All Ages." Her presentation included information on the anticipated increase in the aging population and what can be done now to address the expected issues that the aging population will bring. Sheri also discussed NORCs and provided her email address for anyone interested in additional information. The Commissioners asked Celeste if she could send them Sheri's presentation and she said she would.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Johnson stated he attended an informative meeting about Alzheimer's in Indianapolis and will bring the materials to the next COA meeting. Commissioner McCollester said she would speak to her local NORC for an update. Commissioner Clemons-McFarthing reported that she keeps in contact with former Commission member Roscoe Harkins and he is in the last stages of life. The Commissioners thanked her for keeping them informed and said he has been a great asset and advocate to the Aging community.

Chairperson Stallons asked the Commissioners to speak with their local AAA and to see how they are preparing for the increase in the aging population.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, with unanimous approval from the Commission.